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Security Council

10 a.m. — 6466th meeting — Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/920)

   Report of the Secretary-General on the request of Nepal for United Nations assistance in support of its peace process (S/2010/658)

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General Assembly

Sixty-fifth session

11 a.m.[1] — 74th plenary meeting — Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [125]

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[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the briefing by the Secretary-General.

General Assembly

Sixty-fifth session

There will be an informal meeting (closed) of the plenary *today*, 14 January 2011, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB), to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on priorities for 2011. Member States are encouraged to attend at the ambassadorial level.

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Morning[1]	6467th meeting	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

   Report of the Secretary-General on Somalia (S/2010/675)

Morning[2]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Somalia (S/2010/675)

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6466th meeting of the Security Council.
[2] To be held following the adjournment of the 6467th meeting of the Security Council.

(a) Letters from the Secretary-General (A/65/529 and A/65/587)

(b) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/65/661)

(c) Draft decision (A/65/L.57)

2. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [126]

   (a) Letter from the Secretary-General (A/65/588)

   (b) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/65/662)

   (c) Draft decision (A/65/L.58)

3. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item submitted by the Secretary-General (A/65/232) [7]

4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie: draft resolution (A/65/L.26/Rev.1) [122 (l)]

General Assembly
Sixty-fifth session

Informal consultations for the preparation of a United Nations Conference on Youth will take place on Monday, 17 January 2011 at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). A letter from the Facilitator, dated 12 January 2011, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 19 January 2011, at 10 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (tel. 1 (212) 963-5258; room TB-08083; fax 1 (212) 963-4213), from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*.

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

General Assembly
Sixty-fifth session

The Co-facilitators of the review of the Human Rights Council will convene an informal meeting of the plenary on Thursday, 20 January 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB), to discuss the relationship between the Human Rights Council and the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly. Member States are encouraged to attend at the ambassadorial level. A letter from the Co-facilitators, dated 12 January 2011, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly

Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
First session

10 a.m.	5th informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 3 (NLB)
	Consideration of the draft outcome document of the Conference	[4]
	Informal consultations on the formulation of a renewed partnership between the least developed countries and their development partners	
Morning[1]–1 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 3 (NLB)
	Other matters	[5]
3–6 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 3 (NLB)
	Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.219/IPC/L.1)	[6]
	Concluding remarks by the Secretary-General of the Conference	
	Closure of the first session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee	

[1]To be held immediately following the adjournment of the 5th informal meeting (closed).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

There will be an informal informal briefing by the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Ms. Valerie Amos, on the humanitarian situation in Haiti, *today*, 14 January 2011, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Leslie Wade, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (e-mail wade@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4420).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultation

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNPA will hold an informal consultation on the report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2008-2009 (DP/2011/14) *today*, 14 January 2011, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other meetings

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Friday, 14 January 2011

Group of Least Developed Countries (at the expert level)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Asian Group: Open-ended Working Group

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Other activities

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Friday, 14 January 2011

International Expert Group Meeting on Indigenous Peoples and Forests (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The meeting is closed. Member States wishing to attend this meeting should contact Ms. Sonia Smallacombe, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail smallacombe@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5066; fax 1 (917) 367-5102).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 14 January 2011

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

11.30 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General (monthly press conference)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Open-ended Working Group on Ageing
Briefing

An informal briefing on the modalities of work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 65/185 of 21 December 2010, will be held on Wednesday, 19 January 2011, in the morning, in Conference Room 2 (NLB), immediately following the adjournment of the informal briefing by the Chair of the forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development. All Member States and observers are invited to attend.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
First regular session

The 2011 first regular session of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) will take place from Monday, 24, to Wednesday, 26 January 2011, in Conference Room 1 (NLB). Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials (*on official letterhead*) to the secretariat of the Executive Board (e-mail hazel.gooding@unwomen.org), *by Monday, 17 January 2011.*

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2011

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 18 January 2011, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), to elect the President and other members of the Bureau for 2011. The Deputy Secretary-General will address the Council. The proposed basic programme of work of the Council will be issued in document E/2011/1 and the annotated provisional agenda for the organizational session will be issued in document E/2011/2.

United Nations Forum on Forests
Ninth session

The United Nations Forum on Forests will hold its ninth session from Monday, 24 January, to Friday, 4 February 2011, at United Nations Headquarters. The session will open on Monday, 24 January, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/CN.18/2011/1.

The session will include a high-level ministerial segment, which will be held on Wednesday, 2, and Thursday, 3 February 2011. There will be two parallel high-level round tables (1 and 2) in the afternoon of Wednesday, 2 February, and two parallel high-level round tables (3 and 4) in the morning of Thursday, 3 February 2011, each discussing a specific topic, as follows:

Round table 1: Forests for people;

Round table 2: Finance for forest-dependent communities;

Round table 3: Forests-plus: A cross-sectoral and cross-institutional approach; and

Round table 4: Forests and Rio+20.

The round tables are open to the participation of all Member States and observers. Delegations are kindly requested to indicate, *as soon as possible*, their preference for the participation of their head of delegation in *one* of the above-mentioned round tables by e-mail or fax to the Secretary of Forum, Ms. Vivian Pliner (e-mail pliner@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5724; room IN-628B). Priority for making statements will be given to the heads of delegation in the order of inscription. Each round table accommodates forty statements. The time-limit for each statement is *three minutes* for individual Member States and *five minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States.

For further detailed information on the forthcoming session, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Registration for Member States and observers to obtain photo identification badges will be open at the United Nations Pass Office (room U-100, 801 United Nations Plaza (corner of First Avenue and 46th Street)), as follows:

Sunday, 23 January: from 12 noon to 6 p.m.; and

Monday, 24 January, and weekdays thereafter: from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration for non-governmental organizations, international and regional entities without observer status, and major groups accredited to the Economic and Social Council will be open at the United Nations Forum on Forests registration desk in the United Nations Visitors' Lobby, as follows:

Monday, 24 January: from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5 p.m.;

Tuesday, 25 January, to Tuesday, 1 February (excluding the weekend): from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Wednesday, 2 February, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5 p.m.; and

Thursday, 3, and Friday, 4 February, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and be included in the list of participants are requested to communicate, *as soon as possible*, the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Vivian Pliner (e-mail pliner@un.org; room IN-628B), with copy to Ms. Barbara Tavora-Jainchill (e-mail tavora-jainchill@un.org; room DC1-1258).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2011 regular session

The 2011 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 31 January, to Wednesday, 9 February 2011, in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/C.2/2011/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note-verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; room IN-629C). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, are available on the Web site of the NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo>. Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online paperless committee system, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chair of the forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development, H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), will hold an informal briefing, for all interested delegations, on the programme of work of the forty-ninth session of the Commission, on Wednesday, 19 January 2011, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forty-ninth session

The forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 9, to Friday, 18 February 2011. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 9 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2011/1. Further information on the forty-ninth and previous sessions of the Commission is available at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/csocd/2011.html>.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail padayachi39@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Wednesday, 2 February 2011*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: poverty eradication) will begin on Wednesday, 9 February 2011, following the opening of the session. For further details please consult the programme of work in annex I to document E/CN.5/2011/1.

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 24 January 2011. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Celia Syyap accordingly (e-mail syyap@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*. Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/ngo/csocdinfonote2011.html>.

List of side events

A list of side events on the occasion of the forty-ninth session of the Commission can be consulted at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/csocd/2011/side-events.pdf>.

Statistical Commission
Forty-second session

The forty-second session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 22, to Friday, 25 February 2011. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 22 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work of the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2011/1 and E/CN.3/2011/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Christa Giles (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; room IN-615A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Further information on the session can be obtained at the following address: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or contact Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
First regular session

The 2011 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 8, to Friday, 11 February 2011, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2011/1. The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 4, and Monday, 7 February 2011 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The first regular session will be preceded by an informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board on Friday, 21 January 2011, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

There will be an informal briefing on the oral report on the knowledge management and research functions of UNICEF and on results and lessons learned in the medium-term strategic plan focus area 2 (basic education and gender equality), on Thursday, 20 January 2011, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the following site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_56116.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 31 January 2011*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNPA will hold informal consultations as indicated below. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Thursday, 20 January 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB): on capacity development (joint informal consultation); and

Friday, 28 January 2011, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB): on the UNDP contribution at the regional level to development and corporate results.

First regular session 2011

The first regular session 2011 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 31 January, to Thursday, 3 February 2011, in Conference Room 3

(NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2011/L.1. Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (e-mail marcela.romero@undp.org; fax 1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 24 January 2011.*

The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Tuesday, 18 January 2011, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 4, and on Monday, 7 February 2011, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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United Nations Development Programme (first meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Report 2011*)

Tuesday, 18 January 2011, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Asian Group (briefing by the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) (on the transition to UN-Women and its developing priorities))

Wednesday, 19 January 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

Friday, 21 January 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 24 January 2011, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 28 January 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNU Current Affairs Lecture Series on "2010 The Global Go-To Think Tanks Index" (organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Tuesday, 18 January 2011, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, please visit the Web site <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Francis Lowe, UNU-ONY (e-mail lowe@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387).]

Women's International Forum: Meeting on "Ending mass atrocities: Is the responsibility to protect the answer?" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 18 January 2011, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

Briefing by the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit on the comprehensive evaluation of the United Nations role in mine action, as requested by the General Assembly in resolution 64/84 (A/RES/64/84) on assistance in mine action (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand and the United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action)

Tuesday, 18 January 2011, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to members of permanent missions and observer missions and United Nations departments, agencies, funds and programmes. For further information, please contact Mr. Cris Stephen, United Nations Mine Action Service (e-mail stephenc@un.org).]

Announcements

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2011

Applications for the 2011 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 4 July, to Friday, 12 August 2011, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 1 February 2011*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in English this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site at <www.un.org/law/ilfp>, or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

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Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

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Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

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All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Greece (11 January 2011)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Greece (11 January 2011)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Greece (11 January 2011)[1]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Colombia (6 January 2011)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and their Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Nagoya, 29 October 2010)

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 32, the above Protocol will be opened for signature by Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 2 February 2011 until 1 February 2012. The representatives of States wishing to sign the aforementioned Protocol will be able to do so on Wednesday, 2 February, from 9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, 380 Madison Avenue, New York (e-mail depositarytreaty@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the Web site of the United Nations Treaty Collection <http://treaties.un.org>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2011* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Abdullah Hussain Haroon

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H.E. Mr. Alexander Lomaia

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